

## Letter to Clark County Voters

# Welcome to the 1998 Primary Election Local Voters Pamphlet.

- This year's primary election will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 1998.
- The primary election ballot includes a full slate of federal, state, and local offices and three local ballot propositions.
- Polling places will be open until 8 p.m. and absentee ballots must be postmarked no later than September 15.

# Voting in the primary election will help shape the future of Clark County.

- Primary election results will decide the three local propositions and will determine the choices voters have in the November general election.
- Voting is a unique opportunity to express the community's priorities to those we elect to make important community decisions.

## The Local Voters Pamphlet is just one of many sources of election information.

- I encourage you to study the local voters pamphlet and seek out other information.
- Local newspapers, CVTV cable channel 47, the Secretary of State's Office web page, other Internet sites, and community forums are all excellent sources.

Finally, as I prepare to leave office, I want you to know it has been an honor to serve the citizens of Clark County. One of the accomplishments I am proud of during my eleven years as County Auditor is building a strong local voters pamphlet. One pamphlet tradition that I hope will continue is using artwork from local school children on the back cover. Each year I visit schools to talk with students about the importance of voting in a democracy and let the students express their ideas in an art contest. This year's winner is Roland LaGoy from Vancouver School District.

Please, take time to study the 1998 primary election ballot and exercise your right to vote.

Sincerely,

Liz Luce

Clark County Auditor

### The Elections Department has moved

The new address is 1500 "D" Street, Vancouver. The mailing address is PO Box 8815, Vancouver WA 98666-8815.

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# A reminder to vote: It's really simple

## Registering to vote

Registering takes only a few minutes and you can do it by mail. To register to vote, please call the Clark County Elections Department at 699-2345.

### Who is eligible to vote

The requirements for registering to vote are simple. You must be a United States citizen, 18 years or older, and live in Clark County 30 days prior to the election.

### How to vote

### At the polls

The actual voting process is easy. Upon registration, the Elections Department issues each registered voter a card that states his or her precinct number and place to vote.

With few exceptions, most of the polls are located in area schools. Arriving at the polls – they open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. – you'll be asked to sign the registration book. In Clark County, voting is done by punch card. Just punch in your choices. The entire process takes only a few minutes.

### By absentee ballot

If you're voting by absentee ballot, you just drop your ballot in the mail or at the Elections Department.

### A word about vote-by-mail

Some recent elections have been conducted by mail-in ballot only. The September 1998 primary election in Clark County will not be a mail-in ballot election. Polling places will be open for this elec-

tion. Permanent absentee voters will still receive their ballots by mail.

### Absentee ballots

To obtain an absentee ballot, please call the Elections Department at 699-2345. Or you can fill out the form below, cut it out, and either mail it to the Elections Department or drop it by. Our new address is 1500 "D" Street, Vancouver. Mail to PO Box 8815, Vancouver WA 98666-8815.

### Permanent absentee ballots

You can vote absentee on a permanent basis. If you'd like a permanent absentee ballot, please mark the appropriate box on the form below. An application for permanent absentee status will be mailed to you.

#### Absentee ballot application OFFICE USE ONLY Reg#\_ I hereby declare that I am a registered voter Precinct \_ Print name: Last Middle initial First Code \_\_\_ Residence address as registered Date issued \_\_ Date returned -City or town State Zip code Voted □ Birth date Phone number or This application is being made for an Absentee Ballot for the Taken by \_ □ 1998 General or □ \*Permanent absentee ballot ☐ 1998 Primary X To be valid, your written signature must be Signature included. Street Fill in address where you wish absentee ballot to City or town State Zip code

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Fill out your name and address as you are registered.
- 2. Be sure to print your name on the appropriate line.
- 3. Sign your name at the 'X'.
- 4. If you wish to have your ballot sent to an address other than where you are registered, indicate that address below your signature.
- 5. Mail to: Liz Luce, Clark County Auditor, Elections Department, P.O. Box 8815, Vancouver WA 98666-8815.
- \* If you check "Permanent Absentee Ballot" you will be sent an application for permanent absentee status and an absentee ballot for the 1998 Primary Election and all future elections.



# Be an informed voter. Here's how.

The local voters pamphlet is just the beginning. There are many other sources of information for citizens wishing to know more about the candidates and issues before casting their vote.

These are some sources for indepth coverage of the upcoming September 15 primary election.

### **NEWSPAPERS**

The Columbian, a daily newspaper serving southwest Washington, will report election-related news stories prior to the primary. Election-related editorial opinions and letters to the editor are also published.

Web site: www.columbian.com

■ **The Oregonian**, a daily newspaper serving the Portland and southwest Washington area, will report election-related news stories prior to the primary.

### **■ The Camas/Washougal Post**

Record, a weekly newspaper serving Camas, Washougal, and east Clark County, will report election-related news stories beginning with the August 18 edition and continuing until election day. It will publish the results of questionnaires given the candidates of contested races as well as editorial opinions on local offices and issues.

Web site: www.eaglenewspapers.com/ postrecord/ ■ The Battle Ground Reflector, a weekly newspaper serving Battle Ground and north Clark County, will report election-related news stories prior to the primary. News coverage will include local ballot measures on the September 15 ballot.

**CABLE TV** 

TCI Cable - KTCI
News 44 is a news
information channel
provided to local cable
television subscribers.
Prior to the primary,
it will provide

election-related news stories and an hour-long program, *Vote '98*, previewing the primary. Playback times are:

September 3 3:30 p.m.

September 8 3:30 p.m.

September 9 8:30 p.m.

September 10 7:30 p.m.

September 11 7:30 p.m.

September 14 8:30 p.m.

Channel 44 also provides ongoing election returns on the night of the election.

**CVTV Cable Channel 47** is the local government cable access channel. Prior to the primary its coverage includes candidate interviews for contested races, a Video Voters Guide, as well as League of Women Voters events and debates. On election night CVTV provides ongoing election results and analysis. For a schedule of replay times of these programs, consult the TV Times, The Sunday Columbian, or call the CVTV Office at 696-8233. Replay schedules are also available through the city of Vancouver web site: www.ci.vancouver.wa.us/vandis/ listings.htm

■ The Clark County League of Women Voters will present election-related events and debates shown on CVTV prior to the primary. See the information for

CVTV Channel 47 on the left.

■ TVW, Channel 53, a cable news information channel based in Olympia and available to local cable subscribers, will provide a *Video Voters Guide* for statewide and regional candidates in contested primaries. Replay times for this guide can be found at the

TVWweb site: www.tvw.org

### INTERNET

The Fort Vancouver Regional Library has



computers with Internet connections available for public use.

■ The Washington Secretary of State's Office has an Internet home page with links to an on-line electronic version of a state primary voters pamphlet.

Web site: www.wa.gov/sec/
Telephone: 1-800-448-4881.

- **VoteSmart** is an organization that submits questions to candidates for many public offices. The questions relate to current public issues. The candidates' responses are on the VoteSmart web site:

  www.votesmart.com/
- www.votesmart.com/
- **Votenet** acts as a index of candidates who have their own home pages. Candidates who appear on the ballot may have a link at this site to their home pages.

Web site: www.votenet.com/



# Candidate statements

The Clark County Assessor establishes the market value of all taxable real and personal property in the county on an annual basis. This value provides the tax base for government services of a variety of taxing districts. The assessor also administers the Senior Tax Exemption and Current Use deferral programs and the county's regional Geographic Information System (GIS), a computerized system that performs complex mapping and data analysis. The assessor serves a four-year term of office.

### **County Assessor**

Ben Gassaway

Democrat



The requirement by State law to assess all real and personal property in Clark County affects many different people and organizations. As a property owner it is important that you pay no more and no less than your fair share of taxes which support schools, roads, fire and police, etc. To the taxing districts it is necessary that they receive the revenue to provide these many services. You can be proud of our assessment and mapping program because Clark County leads the State in its accuracy and quality. I ask for your vote and support to continue these important programs.

Jim Kendoll Republican



Jim is a resident of Washougal and owner of Kendoll & Associates, a residential real estate appraisal firm. He has lived in Clark County at various times throughout his life and returned permanently to Washougal in 1991. Jim has been appraising properties in Clark County for approximately 10 years. In running for assessor he plans to improve efficiency and accuracy in the assessor's office.

Jim is a past director of the Camas-Washougal Chamber of Commerce, and past president of the C-W Rotary Club. In his free time he enjoys golf, skiing and spending time with his wife and two daughters.

The Clark County Auditor supervises elections and is responsible for voter registration. The auditor is also responsible for a number of licensing activities, including marriage licenses and, as agent for the state of Washington, vehicle licenses. In addition, the auditor maintains public records and documents such as real estate transaction documents and supports county government activities internally through a variety of finance functions. The auditor serves a four-year term of office.

### **County Auditor**

Greg Kimsey Republican



The primary issue in this campaign is which candidate's qualifications best suit the position. My education (Business Administration University of Washington, MBA Portland State University) and 17 years of accounting and financial management experience (Chief Financial Officer with Vancouver Oil and Vice President with US Bank) is the difference. I will provide strong leadership and bring "real world" business sense to the office. Taxpayers will know I am their advocate in county government by my commitment to providing the most effective and efficient services possible. When you vote, choose a qualified financial professional to manage \$280,500,000 of our taxes.

Dan Tonkovich

Democrat



Dan Tonkovich is the only auditor candidate with demonstrated leadership in making government more accountable. The City's hiring of a performance auditor and investment coordinator was a direct result of Dan's leadership on the Vancouver City Council. As auditor, Dan will increase performance audits and promote citizen involvement in the audit review process; ensure that mail-in and ballot box elections are run fairly; and provide exceptional customer service for those using county services.

As sales and marketing manager for the Stoner Group, Dan's bottom line expertise along with his community leadership experience will make a difference for taxpayers.

The Clark County Clerk is responsible for authenticating, processing, and maintaining Superior Court records. The clerk also issues summonses and processes jurors and witnesses for court sessions and receives, accounts for, and disburses court revenues and moneys deposited on behalf of the court. The clerk serves a four-year term of office.

## **County Clerk**

Jo Anne McBride

Democrat



The Office of the County Clerk is the very heart of the court system. All court business starts and ends in the Clerks office. The office requires administrative, financial, and legal expertise.

I have performed these duties for 13 years. I know the needs of our growing community, and the increasing demands for services.

The next four years will be ones of challenge, and high tech changes. We are currently bringing a new concept of "records imaging" to the office. This system will save thousands of tax dollars, promoting fiscal responsibility and speedier public service.

Mike Thomas Republican



Mike Thomas has dedicated his professional life to serving the public. A resident of Clark County for 23 years, he has broad bi-partisan endorsements from elected officials, business leaders and individuals who want strong leadership, integrity and honesty. Mike will enhance professionalism, expand programs, apply new technologies and improve efficiency, responsiveness and accountability. His excellent communication skills and ability to work with all organizational levels will get results. A graduate of the USAF Academy with Master's Degrees in Management and Business Administration, he has the reputation of a highly motivational, creative problem solver. Mike Thomas gets things done!

The three-member Board of Clark County Commissioners sets policy, makes laws and is responsible for adoption of the county budget and its oversight. Except for county functions managed by other elected officials, the board is responsible for supervising all county departments including the departments of Public Works, Community Development, Community Services and Corrections. Commissioners also make appointments to various citizen committees and advisory boards.

Commissioners file for office by district and must live in the district in which they file. They are voted on by district in the primary election and elected at large at the general election. Commissioners serve four-year overlapping terms.

### **County Commissioner - District 3**

Craig A. Pridemore

Democrat



"Pridemore, 37, is articulate, knowledgeable and personable." Jeff Mize, Columbian, 7-22-98.

Supported by business, environmental and governmental reform advocates, Craig Pridemore is a candidate of reason and independent thought. Eager to talk with every citizen, Craig has the intelligence and compassion to find solutions to the challenges we face in traffic, education, environmental protection, and personal rights.

Craig has a thorough knowledge of county government and knows it begins and ends with people, not with special interests. He has the independence and strength of character to work directly with all citizens to do the right thing for Clark County's future.

Mel Gordon Republican



Mel and Micki Gordon have been members of our community for more than twenty years. Mel understands how today's important decisions affect our future. As your Commissioner, Mel has demonstrated strong leadership with a record of being tough on issues. Mel has consistently protected property rights, remained tough on crime, managed growth to maintain a balance between a strong economy, creating jobs and protecting the environment.

Mel has delivered government to the people by holding hearings in rural areas. Mel Gordon cares about Clark County. Mel Gordon brings experience and leadership at a time when Clark County needs it most. The Clark County Prosecuting Attorney is responsible for prosecuting all felony crimes in the county as well as misdemeanors that occur in areas of the county that are outside city limits. The Prosecuting Attorney's Office represents Clark County in relevant civil proceedings and acts as legal advisor to county officials and examines their public records for compliance with the law. The prosecuting attorney serves a four-year term of office.

### **County Prosecuting Attorney**

Art Curtis

Democrat



Art Curtis has been a prosecutor with Clark County since 1977 when he was hired as a felony trial attorney; promoted to Chief Criminal Deputy in 1979; appointed then elected to present position in 1981. Much has been accomplished in the 17 years he has been prosecutor including attracting and building a "careeroriented" staff, expanding services to crime victims to help them through the justice system, vigorously pursuing prosecution of sex offenders and helping child sexual assault victims by establishing the Child Abuse Intervention Center, and helping local businesses obtain restitution on "bad checks" by creating an NSF check program.

Curtis A. Shelton
Republican



This is my first experience as a political candidate. I am not a politician. I have always found political types offensive and distrustful and, therefore, I have steered clear of such characters during the 44 years I have lived. If elected I will not be afraid to make decisions and to do what I think is fair, just, and in the best interest of the people of Clark County based upon my 19 years of experience practicing criminal law.

The Clark County Sheriff, who is responsible for keeping and preserving the peace within the county, enforces state laws and county ordinances. The sheriff maintains the county jail and carries out criminal investigations, community policing, and crime prevention activities. The sheriff serves a four-year term of office.

## **County Sheriff**

Garry Lucas
Republican



Sheriff Garry Lucas is a thirty year veteran of the Clark County Sheriffs Office and continues to lead one of the most progressive and effective Law enforcement agencies in the Northwest.

Lucas's leadership brought Community Policing to Clark County by establishing precincts, advisory boards and deputies working together with citizens to identify and solve crimes.

Garry established an award winning gang task force, sited a jail work center, expanded DARE and put sex offenders and crime statistics on the Internet.

Garry and Valarie have been married for 35 years, have two daughters and seven grandchildren.

No other candidates filed for Clark County Sheriff.

The Clark County Treasurer is the custodian of all funds for the county and for other government agencies and jurisdictions that have taxing functions within the county. In addition to collecting various taxes and special assessments, the treasurer administers short- and long-term debt financing, manages the cash flow of the county, and invests funds on behalf of the county and junior taxing districts. The treasurer serves a four-year term of office.

### **County Treasurer**

Doug Lasher
Democrat



It has been my privilege to serve the citizens of Clark County as Treasurer for the last fourteen years. The office has many accomplishments including, since 1987, a local investment pool earning an additional \$5.2 million for taxpayers; additional tax payment drop boxes; and payment stations. We continue to improve our tax collection and treasury systems which enhances our ability to serve taxpayers through maintaining staffing levels, strengthening data base integrity, and enhancing reporting. Customer service has always been a high priority for me, and I will continue to work towards providing you a courteous, efficient, and effective treasurer's office.

No other candidates filed for Clark County Treasurer.

The three-member Clark Public Utilities Board sets policy for this district, which provides electric power countywide as well as water for many areas of the county. The board establishes a schedule of service rates and hires the utility's manager. Commissioners file for office by district and must live in the district in which they file. They are voted on by district in the primary election and elected at large at the general election. Commissioners serve six-year overlapping terms.

### Clark Public Utilities Commissioner - District 2

Nancy Barnes
Non-Partisan



To keep our rates low, your utility has to be efficient, reliable and responsive while safeguarding our natural resources. Facing changes such as deregulation will require the input and support of our customer/owners. These important issues will require a commissioner with energy, experience and enthusiasm. As board president, I also serve in leadership positions with the state and national utility associations. Working hard to represent your interests has been and will continue to be my priority.

I will continue to be accessible, informed and determined so that hardworking customers have an effective voice in their public utility.

Robert Hight
Non-Partisan



Residing in Washougal since 1974, I have served the community in Scouting, church, and as director of the school board. My wife and I have six children and ten grandchildren.

I have worked in the electric power industry for 30 years, 18 of them at Clark Public Utilities.

I want to keep our Public Utilities working for *us*, protecting our rates and taking a strong stand against deregulation. I would work to make sure the new generator gets up and running so we can pay our debt. This is crucial, since deregulation could cause rate increases of up to 300%.

John H. Sannes Non-Partisan



Residing in Clark County for 23 years, I've watched our rapid growth and the strain it's had on our utility district. Our independence as a public utility is essential to provide inexpensive power to a rapidly expanding area. As a former independent business owner and current union officer representing C-Tran employees, I have the organizational and management skills to re-implement conservation programs so we can maintain low cost power in our region. Your support will insure economical power for future generations.

Thank You



# Ballot measures

# CITY OF WOODLAND Proposition No. 1

Shall the City approve the use of certain property at Horseshoe Lake Park for the development of an indoor swimming pool and recreation facility to be owned by the Woodland Swimming Pool and Recreation District if such property can be acquired from the Department of Natural Resources?

<b>YES</b> [	
NO	

### **Statement for:**

Where is the best place to build a community pool/recreation center? After much research and discussion, the Woodland Community Swimming Pool Committee (WCSPC), a non-profit organization whose purpose is raising charitable funds for the pool, concluded unanimously at Horseshoe Lake Park. Why? *Location, Location, Location!!* It is critical that the pool/recreation center be placed at a location that is beautiful, accessible, and convenient, not only for enjoyment of the citizenry, but to ensure the popularity of the pool, which in return will produce revenues sufficient for future operation costs.

Horseshoe Lake Park is picturesque, replete with the natural beauty of the area. It is very accessible and convenient, given its location in town and just off the highway. Placement of the pool in the Park will revitalize the park itself, which recently has become less popular despite its attributes. The pool/recreation center would also have a tremendous revitalization impact on downtown Woodland, increasing the amount of visitors to what was once the center and heart of the town. The pool/recreation center will not effect fishing, boating or Planter's Day activities.

Private individuals, by themselves, do not have time, energy and resources to evaluate complex issues like "Where is the best place for the pool/recreation center in Woodland?" WCSPC has voluntarily and charitably assessed this question and concluded that Horseshoe Lake Park is the ideal dream location. By your vote to approve the site at Horseshoe Lake Park, the dream can become reality.

Written by: Benno Dobbe, Chair, Ron Orr, Bruce Hulett

#### Statement against:

Woodland's Horseshoe Lake Park was developed by volunteers in the 1950's and dedicated to the community to be utilized and preserved by those who love the lake. It has been the ambition of the City to preserve this natural resource for generations to come.

The City of Woodland is now being asked to make 50 percent of Horseshoe Lake Park available, at no cost, to the Woodland Community Swimming Pool Committee (W.C.S.P.C) for development of a large indoor swimming pool and recreation facility.

This space has been utilized for Planter's Days, Bi-centennial celebration, Veteran's Day recognition, carnivals, egg hunts, fishing, swimming, boating, picnicking, logging shows, circus, family/youth sports and recreation. The City has no other developed open space for large community or special events.

Horseshoe Lake is a precious non-renewable resource that must be retained for present and future generations to enjoy. The community's population has tripled since the Park was constructed.

To date the WCSPC has not submitted an approvable site plan including required costly infrastructure (water, sewer, street, lighting, landscaping, set backs) improvements - estimated at approximately \$400,000. It is projected that nearly 50 paved parking spaces will be needed to accommodate pool patrons.

The swimming/recreation facility could be built in many other available locations, including a site already purchased by the WCSPC. The State Department of Natural Resources currently has ownership of the proposed Horseshoe Lake site.

Vote no to preserve the integrity of Horseshoe Lake Park.

Written by: Walter E. Hansen, Sr., Chair, Walter Church, Jr., Robin S. Jones

## Explanatory Statement of the ballot measure

The Woodland City Council has identified a number of issues in addition to the availability of the proposed site which must be favorably resolved before it will be willing to make the property available to the Woodland Swimming Pool and Recreation District.

The City Council has clearly stated that, except for contributing the site, city funds will not be available either for construction of the facility or for its ongoing operation and maintenance. The City has also made it clear that all applicable development regulations must be complied with.

Therefore, before the City will convey the property it must be demonstrated that the District has the resources to satisfactorily meet these requirements.

Additionally, because this is an advisory proposition, voter approval or rejection has no binding effect on the action of the city council.

#### Rebuttal of statement for:

Regardless of location, a tax levy will have to be passed by the Recreation District to maintain the pool.

True, Horseshoe Lake Park is picturesque and was developed to preserve the much used open space.

There are better local sites for a pool. This site is the dream of the pool committee, not the community.

The historical value of Horseshoe Lake and Park far exceeds what a pool would do for the City.

Written by: Walter E. Hansen, Sr., Chair Walter Church, Jr. Robin S. Jones

### Rebuttal of statement against:

The pool/recreation facility will not consume 50% of the Park or affect events and activities therein. The WCSPC is a non-profit charitable organization that has donated countless hours and funds towards evaluating where to locate the pool/recreation center. Opponents of WCSPC are a recently formed small group with unclear motives who have spent little time and money, yet make bold statements about "costly infrastructure" and "many other available locations". Who should you believe?

Written by: Benno Dobbe, Chair, Ron Orr Bruce Hulett

### **BATTLE GROUND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119**

## Proposition No. 1 School Program Levy

Shall the following taxes to operate and maintain the District's education program be levied for Battle Ground School District upon all taxable property in the District:

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Year of Collection	Rate Per \$1,000  Assessed Value	Levy <u>Amount</u>	
1999	\$1.75104	\$4,849,639	
2000	\$1.75104	\$5,334,599	
as specified in School Board Resolution No. 98-L?			
		LEVY, YES $\dots$	
		LEVY, NO $\ldots$	

### Statement for:

The state provides children with a basic education, but they want and deserve much more. They want to explore diverse interests and careers and pursue higher education. They want classes that will keep them engaged with learning and prepare them for life. They want discipline, guidance, and constructive activities. These needs are hard for schools to meet without the financial support of the local community.

You elected a school board whose swift response to community concerns shows their determination to exercise fiscal responsibility while providing quality education. They in turn found a superintendent whose fresh enthusiasm has already energized our district. She and other district leaders are eager to work with students, families, and communities. They, too, want and deserve more than just the basic resources in order to do their best for our children.

Accountability works both ways. Public concerns have been heard. Now it's the public's turn to be accountable by giving schools the resources they need. A 60 percent *yes* vote for the school levy is not about "frills." It's about fixing a roof that sags when it rains. Extending a hand to help a child in trouble. Giving children the attention and security they need to grow strong, healthy, and confident in a difficult world.

We need *you* to pass this levy. If you leave it up to others, they'll leave it up to you. Please vote *yes* on September 15, and remind others to vote. Please help our schools be the best they can be.

Written by: Kelly Keister, Jane Elder Wulff, Victoria Sparks

### Statement against:

The state of Washington provides 100% of K-12 public school needs - not wants or demands by rapacious school unions. School budgets rise each year without excess tax levies. The state will fully fund schools with a budget of \$8.9 billion and this includes an increase of \$570 million for K-12 education. Another additional \$362 million for schools includes projects for reading improvement, school technology, school construction, salary and benefit increases. All of this is a lot of spending and taxing but not enough to sate the appetites of teachers and their unions. Levy money quickly evaporates paying for unused sick and annual leave, vacations disguised as "training" and invented extra jobs at \$40 to \$50 per hour. The levy is immoral and unjust, taking money from those who truly need it and passing it out in additional payments to those already paid two to three times what an average family can earn. A strong *no* vote should happen on September 15th and removal of abusive levies from Washington law is needed.

Written by: Frank Krbec

## Explanatory Statement of ballot measure

Residents of school districts within the State of Washington have the ability to provide educational services to their district students beyond base services funded by the State. To fund these educational services, a levy on taxable property is authorized if approved by voters of the school district. If the voters of the Battle Ground School District No. 119 approve this levy at the September 15, 1998 election, the District will be authorized to collect a levy of \$4,849,639 in 1999 and a levy of \$5,334,599 in the year 2000, at the approximate rate of \$1.75 per \$1,000 assessed value.

### Rebuttal of statement for:

No statement submitted.

#### Rebuttal of statement against:

Our district is run by publicly elected citizens, not unions. State funding increases are due to enrollment growth, cover only basic needs, and leave our students lagging far behind others who receive local levy support. There is no increase for salaries this year. Teacher training expenditures are supervised by school site councils, including elected parents and community. We, the voters, must say yes to our children's future. Vote yes for the Battle Ground School Levy.

Written by: Kelly Keister Jane Elder Wulff Victoria Sparks

### **CLARK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 6**

# Proposition No. 1 Emergency Medical Services Property Tax Levy

Shall Clark County Fire Protection District No. 6 be authorized to impose regular emergency medical services property tax levies of \$.30 or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years?

<b>YES</b> □	
NO	

### Statement for:

Fire District 6 provides fire, rescue, emergency medical/paramedic and fire prevention services in the Hazel Dell, Lakeshore, Felida, Salmon Creek, Mt. Vista and Fairgrounds communities. The passage of this Emergency Medical Services *replacement* levy will allow Fire District 6 to continue to provide the exceptional level of service our communities have enjoyed for the past 18 years. With the continued influx of people into our communities, the passage of this levy is essential. The levy tax rate, per household, is actually less (16% reduction) than in the past. A *yes* vote on your ballot will keep your Firefighter/Paramedics on duty and will allow Fire District 6 to maintain the current level of service to the community. Vote *yes* on September 15.

Citizens for Paramedics Written by: Chris W. Orman, Chair

### Statement against:

No statement submitted.

## Explanatory Statement of ballot measure

Fire protection districts within Washington State have the ability to provide emergency medical services to the citizens of their district. To fund these services, a special six year levy is authorized and may be collected if approved by the voters of the fire district. If the voters of Fire Protection District No. 6 approve this replacement levy at the September 15, 1998 election, the District will be authorized for the next six years to continue to collect the property tax levy necessary to provide emergency medical services.

No rebuttals submitted

# Complete text of local measures

#### CITY OF WOODLAND, WASHINGTON RESOLUTION NO. 405

A RESOLUTION of the City of Woodland, Washington, submitting to the qualified voters of said city at the primary election to be held on September 15, 1998, an advisory ballot posing the question of whether the city council of Woodland should approve the use of certain property at Horseshoe Lake Park for the development of an indoor swimming pool and recreation facility to be owned by the Woodland Swimming Pool and Recreation District if such property can be acquired from the Department of Natural Resources as more particularly set forth herein.

WHEREAS, both the Woodland Swimming Pool Committee and the Woodland Swimming Pool and Recreation District have requested that the City of Woodland make certain land in Horseshoe Lake Park available as the site for a regional swimming pool and recreation facility; and

WHEREAS, in response to such request the Woodland City Council and administration staff have engaged in discussions and negotiations with representatives of both the Swimming Pool Committee and District regarding the details of such proposal; and

WHEREAS, before any firm details of an agreement are consummated, the City Council is desirous of providing the opportunity for the qualified voters of Woodland to express their views on this matter.

# NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOOD-LAND HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** That the auditor of Clark County, as ex-officio supervisor of elections, call a special election to be held in conjunction with the primary election of September 15, 1998 for the purpose of submitting to the electors of Woodland a non-binding advisory ballot proposition.

#### BATTLE GROUND PUBLIC SCHOOLS -LEVY ELECTION RESOLUTION 98-L

A Resolution of the Board of Directors for Battle Ground School District No. 119, Clark County, Washington, providing for submission to the qualified electors of the District in a proposition to levy a general tax upon the taxable property within the School District in excess of the constitutional and statutory limitations for two (2) years in the sum of \$4,849,639 requiring assessment of approximately \$1.75104 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation in 1999 and in the sum of \$5,334,599 requiring assessment of approximately \$1.75104 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation in 2000; said valuation being 100% of true and fair value.

These propositions shall be submitted at a special election to be held Tuesday, September 15, 1998, the proceeds thereof to be credited to the General Fund of Battle Ground

School District No. 119 to provide revenues required to supplement state funds and to pay expenses of the instructional and operational programs, and other basic operational services for the years of 1998/1999, 1999/2000, and 2000/2001 respectively.

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has identified "full funding" and is not currently providing full funding to the public schools; and

WHEREAS, full funding will not provide all funds needed in the Battle Ground School District; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has recognized this need and has made allowance for school districts to levy in excess of twenty (20) percent of state basic education support if necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Battle Ground School District has found it necessary to levy the additional tax for the purpose of maintenance, to supplement the instructional budget, and other basic operational costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it has been determined that an emergency does exist and the District Board of Directors finds it necessary to ask the County Auditor to place before the voters a Special Levy Election in the District on September 15, 1998 a proposition to levy a general tax upon the taxable property within the School District in excess of the constitutional and statutory limitations for two (2) vears in the sum of \$4,849,639 requiring assessment of approximately \$1.75104 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation in 1999, and in the sum of \$5,334,599 requiring assessment of approximately \$1.75104 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation in 2000: said valuation to be 100% of true and fair

# CLARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 6 RESOLUTION NO. 301

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 6. PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON SEPTEMBER 15, 1998, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A PROPERTY TAX NOT TO EXCEED \$.30 PER \$1.000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION IN ADDITION TO ITS REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY, EACH YEAR FOR A PERIOD OF SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS, TO BE LEVIED EACH YEAR BEGINNING IN 1998 AND ENDING IN 2003 AND TO BE COL-LECTED IN EACH YEAR SUCCEEDING THE YEAR OF THE LEVY TO PROVIDE FUNDS REQUIRED BY THE DISTRICT

TO ENABLE THE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of the District that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the District that emergency medical services be provided by the District. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations, equipment and personnel in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax levy for collection over the next six years beginning in 1999.

### NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Clark County Fire Protection District No. 6, Vancouver, Washington as follows:

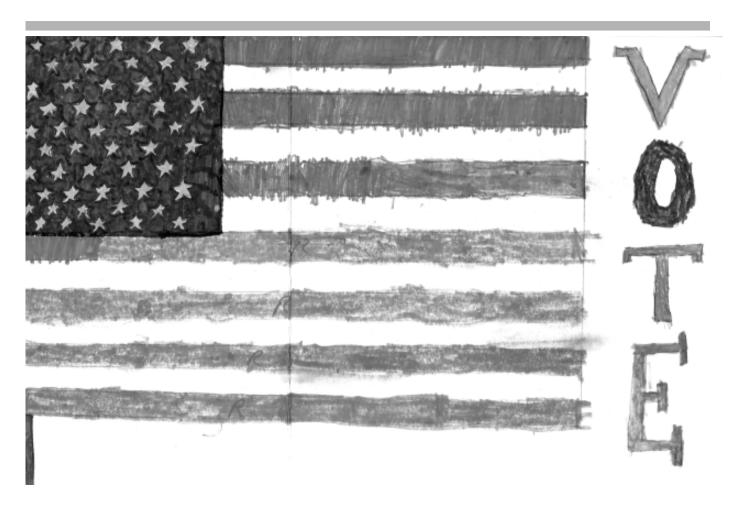
**Section 1**. In order to provide emergency medical services, it is necessary that the District perform the following junctions:

- 1.1 Obtain, operate and maintain emergency medical vehicles and facilities manned by properly trained emergency medical technicians and other medically trained personnel.
- 1.2 Obtain consumable medical supplies and medical appliances to equip such vehicles and facilities.

Section 2. In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing adequate life protection services and facilities as described in Section 1 and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services, the District shall levy each year for a period of six consecutive years beginning in 1998 and collect each year for a period of six consecutive years, beginning in 1999, a general tax on taxable property within the District, in addition to the regular levy for maintenance and operation costs, in an amount not to exceed \$.30 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of such property. The amount to be levied in 1998 and collected in 1999 is estimated to be approximately \$838,800.

Section 3. In accordance with RCW 84.52.069 the funds raised by such levy shall be used only for the provision of emergency medical services, including related personnel costs, training for such personnel, and related equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures needed for the provision of emergency medical services.

Section 4. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at a special election on September 15, 1998, in conjunction with the state primary election to be held on the same date, the question of whether or not such levy for emergency medical services, in addition to the regular levy for maintenance and operation, shall be made each year for a period of six consecutive years, the first levy to be made in 1998 and to be collected in 1999. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of Clark County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, to find that an emergency exists, to call such special election.



Roland LaGoy. Vancouver School District.